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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on the Judiciary
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Conyers:

This responds to your letter dated October 14, 2004, to former Attorney General Ashcroft requesting that the Department of Justice conduct an investigation into reports alleging the destruction of registration forms and voter registration fraud in the states of Nevada, Oregon, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. We are sending identical responses to the three Members who joined in your letter to us. We apologize for any inconvenience our delay in responding may have caused you.

We assure you that the Department of Justice places a high priority on investigating and prosecuting Federal crimes affecting voting rights and the integrity of the Federal election process. All such matters will be investigated and, where appropriate, prosecuted to the full extent of Federal law.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department if we can be of assistance in other matters.

Sincerely,

William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General

cc: The Honorable F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr.
Chairman